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WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

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Secretary Clinton at Innovation Awards for Empowering Women

In her remarks at the awards presentations March 9, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said the "full participation of women is essential in order to raise the GDPs [gross domestic product] in every economy in the world, including our own." [Full text of Secretary Clinton's Remarks at the Innovation Awards for the Empowerment of Women and Girls Ceremony.](#)

ARTICLES & REPORTS

[Innovation Awards Help Women Help Women](#)

IIP Digital. March 9, 2012.

Helping women help women is the goal of the State Department's Innovation Award for the Empowerment of Women and Girls, and this year, three fledgling entrepreneurial enterprises each won \$500,000 for their innovations in agriculture, technology and "green" economic empowerment.

[USAID Gender Equality and Female Empowerment Policy](#)

USAID. March 2012, 28 pages. [PDF format]

The goal of this policy is to improve the lives of citizens around the world by advancing equality between females and males, and empowering women and girls to participate fully in and benefit from the development of their societies. It will be addressed through integration of gender equality and female empowerment throughout the Agency's Program Cycle and related processes: in strategic planning, project design and implementation, and monitoring and evaluation. This integrated approach

positions the Agency to address gender gaps and the constraints that hold women back.

Women's Empowerment and Economic Development

Esther Duflo. **Center for Economic Policy Research Discussion Paper No. 8734**, January 2012, 47 pages. [PDF format]

Can economic development cause women's empowerment? The author, Professor of Economics at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, examines the women's empowerment and economic development relationship, arguing that development alone is not enough to achieve gender equality and empowerment of women is not enough to spark development.

International Women's Day: Women in Development

Rebecca Winthrop, et al. **The Brookings Institution**, March 2, 2012.

In honor of International Women's Day, Brookings Institution has put together a few short videos on the theme of "Women in Development." In each video, a different Brookings scholar discusses how issues of gender impact global development and poverty.

Women's Economic Development

OECD's DAC Network on Gender Equality Issues Paper, April 2011, 31 pages. [PDF Format]

The paper discusses the importance of women's economic empowerment for sustainable development and specific challenges for women entrepreneurs in developing countries in accessing and competing in markets.



United Nations' Annual Report on Women's Empowerment and Gender Equality

UN Women Annual Report, 2010-2011, 36 pages. [PDF Format]

The Annual Report documents UN Women's work to foster women's empowerment and gender equality around the world. It highlights some of the organization's initiatives during the year and provides summary financial statements, a list of new programs and projects, and contact information.

E-PUBLICATIONS



Enterprising Women, Thriving Societies

This issue of *eJournal USA* encourages women to pursue their entrepreneurial ambitions. It cites the experiences of businesswomen around the world and features successful women entrepreneurs who can serve as role models. It also identifies barriers and best practices for overcoming them.



Educating Women and Girls

This *eJournal USA* edition explores how international organizations, state governments, the private sector and individuals — in many different countries — are promoting education for women and girls and are improving people's lives.

Women of Influence

This e-journal chronicles how 21 notable American women broke new ground, some by championing equal rights for all and others by their accomplishments in fields such as government, literature, and even in war.



OTHER WEB RESOURCES

[White House Council on Women and Girls](#)

[2012 National Women's History Month](#)

[Office of Global Women's Issues](#)

[USAID: Office of Gender Equality & Women's Empowerment](#)

[The Asia Foundation: Increasing Women's Economic Opportunities](#)

[UN Women](#)

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